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State of New Hampshire.

To the inhabitants of the town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs. { L.S. }

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said Cornish, on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3 To see what sum of money the town will raise for repairs of highways and bridges in addition to that required by law.

4 To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a liquor agent for the ensuing year.

5 To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen not to deliver the invoice blanks until the time of taking the inventory.

6 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day.

7 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay librarians.

8 To see what sum of money the town will vote for repairs of cemeteries.

9 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for furtherance of town history.

10 To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to obtain a highway map of the town as may be called for under Chapter 133 of the Laws of the State of New Hampshire, passed January session 1903.

11 To hear the reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

12 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and four.

EBEN M. JOHNSON,
FENNO B. COMINGS,
JAS. B. CHADBOURNE,
} Selectmen of Cornish

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EBEN M. JOHNSON,
FENNO B. COMINGS,
JAS. B. CHADBOURNE,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

Selectmen's Report.

Inventory taken April 1st., 1903.

No. of Polls,	223	$ 22,300 00
Real Estate,		414,440 00
Horses,	368	19,880 00
Oxen,	15	1,000 00
Cows,	667	16,654 00
Neat,	512	11,312 00
Sheep,	510	1,232 00
Hogs,	1	10 00
Carriages,	12	920 00
Stock in banks,		6,100 00
Stock in other corporations out of the state		7,114 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,		23,783 00
Stock in trade,		11,300 00
Toll bridge,		10,000 00
Mills,		10,900 00
	$ 556,945 00	

Rate of taxation on each one hundred dollars was $1.70

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

The amount required by law, and by vote of the town was as follows:

State tax,	$ 790 50
County tax,	1,465 33
Schools,	2,116 00
Town charges,	1,000 00
Highways,	2,784 72
Memorial Day,	50 00
Librarians,	30 00
Cemeteries,	100 00

To fit up library,		$ 130 00
Libraries,		55 80
Iron bridges,		600 00
Percentage on above,		396 12
	$ 9,518 47	

The selectmen have received and paid into the treasury as follows:

State railroad tax,		$ 153 60
Savings bank tax,		94 39
Literary fund,		109 15
County support of paupers		344 49
Money to repair river road,		1,500 00
State bounty on hedgehogs,		64 75
Winston Churchill for library,		130 00
Winston Churchill for river road,		1,000 00
Bal. of money to repair river road,		25 92
	$ 3,422 30	
Total receipts,	$ 12,940 77	

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer as follows:

For support of Schools,		$ 2,116 00
	$ 2,116 00	

COUNTY PAUPERS

Willie Goodwin,		$ 65 00
Ada Jordan,		25 91
Curtis children,		75 57
Jennie Butman,		71 42
Mrs. Terry,		7 00
Transients,		27 35
	$ 272 25	

TOWN PAUPERS

A. M. Denne,		$ 6 26
H. P. Raymond,		108 00
Ellen Leslie and family,		387 34
	$ 501 60	

SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS

Amount of money appropriated,		$ 2,784 72
Unexpended bal. 1902,		45 26
	$ 2,829 98	
Breaking roads,		$ 129 71
Lumber,		114 74
Tile,		52 73
Gravel,		28 90
Painting two iron bridges,		34 29
Labor,		1,937 81
	$ 2,298 18	
Unexpended balance,	531 80	

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Fay, Thompson & Fay, printing reports,	$ 33 00
Edson Eastman, blanks and blank books,	6 36
W. E. Walker, damage to cart,	5 00
H. Rawson, piling plank,	1 00
H. Rawson, damage on highway,	6 00
C. A. Taylor, damage on highway,	10 00
E. M. Johnson, bounty on hedgehogs,	30 00
Jas. B. Chadbourne, time and expense to Claremont,	1 50
E. M. Johnson, time and expense to Claremont,	1 50
E. M. Johnson, folding inventory blanks,	2 00
S. K. Richardson, Memorial day,	50 00
Chas. Sturtevant, repairs on road machine,	75
Henry Harding, civil engineer,	4 00
Josiah Davis, flags,	24 10
E. M. Johnson, bounty on hedgehogs,	9 25
B. F. Clark, over tax,	1 70
J. Picord, houseing road machine,	2 50
C. G. Newton, conveying Ada Jordan to county farm,	2 00
Fay, Thompson & Fay, blank books,	3 00
Selectmen, running line between Plainfield and Cornish,	18 00
Selectmen, running line between Croydon and Cornish,	12 00
M. Howard, painting record building	11 40
Josiah Davis, school supplies,	50 00
Francis Whitney, over tax,	4 25
E. M. Johnson, bounty on hedgehogs,	25 50
Lyman Fitch, over tax,	2 56
Solon Carter, state tax,	790 50
A. K. Tasker, watering trough,	2 00
H. W. Parker, retaining fee,	15 00
Ira Colby & Son, retaining fee,	15 00

O. W. Dunsmore, tolls,	$ 3 10
M. H. Bean, watering trough 1902-1903,	6 00
Lemuel R. Dole, over tax,	1 52
Wm. Wilder, over tax,	1 52
Brainard Peters, over tax,	1 28
E. A. Churchill, watering trough,	2 00
S. M. Thornton, " "	2 50
W. E. Young, " "	2 50
W. H. Harlow, " "	2 00
Stone, Penniman & Payson, stoves for town hall,	10 00
F. B. Comings, watering trough,	2 00
E. H. Smith, " "	2 00
F. A. Johnson, services with hearse,	32 00
F. A. Johnson, repairs on hearse,	2 00
E. M. Johnson, taking Leslie children to Franklin,	7 00
" " " time and expense to Concord,	5 00
" " " " " " to Newport,	2 50
" " " " " " to Claremont twice,	3 00
" " " taking Geo. Leslie to Lempster,	3 00
" " time and expense in Leslie case,	4 80
Paul Davidson, recording and returning vital statistics	5 55
" " postage,	1 87
" " drawing and notifying jurors,	3 00
" " blanks and blank books,	6 00
D. G. Witherill, watering trough,	2 00
Hunt brothers, trustees Foss fund,	10 00
C. D. Nevens, literary fund,	109 15
E. B. Hunt, county tax,	1,465 33
Selectmen, postage,	3 00
J. W. Pierce, watering trough, 1902-1903,	4 00
G. L. Deming, changing books in libraries,	1 50
L. Jarvis, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	50
Richmond and Munger, " " " "	3 00
G. W. Hunt, " " " "	1 00
H. C. Sanders, " " " "	75
J. D. Brewster, " " " "	1 25
A. L. Marden, " " " "	50
L. H. Bugbee, " " " "	1 75
I. N. Fowler, " " " "	1 25
Mary Huggins, " " " "	25
O. A. Kelley, librarian,	15 00
Julia Deming, "	15 00
Josiah Davis, school supplies,	31 45
" " tax bills and stationery,	3 00
Geo. E. Fairbanks, library money,	55 80
	$ 2,977 49

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Nellie L. Jackson,		$ 5 00
Samuel Putnam,		21 00
E. D. Austin,		10 00
Selectmen examining sheep,		7 40
	$ 43 40	

LABOR IN CEMETERIES.

Edminister cemetery,		$ 5 00
Flat "		6 00
Comings "		6 50
Chase "		8 50
Child "		13 50
Trinity "		6 00
	$ 45 50	

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASKED FOR BY JOSIAH DAVIS.

ON BOOK OF 1900.

Wallace Harris,		$ 1 52
Clarence Walker,		1 52
John Mercer,		2 28
Lewis Leplant,		1 52
	$ 6 84	

ON BOOK 1901.

Wallace Harris,		$ 1 35
John Mercer,		3 10
Lewis Leplant,		1 35
David Chamberlain,		1 35
Fred Leach,		1 35
Clarence Walker,		1 35
	$ 9 85	

ON BOOK 1902.

Wallace Harris,		$ 1 28
John Mercer,		1 28
Lewis Leplant,		1 28
Herbert J. Leslie,		2 56
	$ 6 40	

TOWN OFFICERS.

B. F. Lindsay,	services as election officer, 1902,		$ 2 00
" " "	" " " 1903,		2 00
E. A. Churchill,	"	selectman,	8 00
C. A. Wardner,	"	constable,	12 00
E. A. Churchill,	"	election officer,	2 00
Geo. C. Huggins,	"	supervisor,	12 00
Wm. W. Balloch,	"	election officer,	2 00
" "	"	supervisor,	5 00
F. H. Weld,	"	health officer,	3 00
Elwin Quimby,	"	auditor.	6 00
G. W. Hunt,	"	health officer,	14 35
E. M. Johnson,	"	election officer,	2 00
F. B. Comings,	"	" "	2 00
Jas. B. Chadbourne,	"	" "	2 00
Paul Davidson,	"	town clerk,	25 00
Fred Pardy,	"	truant officer,	7 50
E. B. Hunt,	"	treasurer,	25 00
Herbert Deming	"	auditor,	6 00
Josiah Davis,	"	collector	75 00
Geo. E. Fairbanks,	"	health officer,	2 50
E. M. Johnson,	"	selectman,	109 50
F. B. Comings,	"	"	87 00
Jas. B. Chadbourne,	"	"	67 75
" "	"	supervisor,	5 00
		$ 484 60	

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Rebecca Bartlett,	member school board,		$ 17 00
J. E. Heath,	" " "		5 00
Amy I. Hilliard,	" " "		34 00
Josiah Davis,	" " "		48 00
C. D. Nevens, treasurer,			10 00
		$ 114 00	
Two iron bridges,			286 00
		$ 286 00	

FITTING UP LIBRARY ROOMS.

O. A. Kelley, lumber, varnish, etc.,		6 65
" " " labor,		3 50
" " " three months room rent,		2 50
G. L. Deming, lumber and labor,		12 40
	$ 25 05	

REPORT OF MONEY EXPENDED ON HIGHWAY SOUTH OF TOLL BRIDGE.

Rec'd. town Cornish,		$ 500 00
Paid L. Fletcher, 6,782 ft. hemlock at $8 per M.		54 26
" G. L. Deming, 1500 " " " "		12 00
" A. Gaffney, 1775 " " " "		14 20
" Wm. L. Chadbourne, 100 hrs. labor, at 35c.		35 00
" " " 10 " " " 17½c.		1 75
" Geo. C. Grannis, 80 " " " 35c.		28 00
" Wm. Grannis, 165 " " " 17½c.		28 88
" Bert Wood, 10 " " " 35c.		3 50
" N. J. Ellis, 10 " " " 35c.		3 50
" Frank Ellis, 80 " " " 17½c.		14 00
" D. D. Bartlett, 140 " " " "		24 50
" Elmer Bartlett, 180 " " " "		31 51
" Joe Hillard, 162 " " " "		28 35
" " " 10 " " " 10c.		1 00
" J. McCarty, use of derrick,		12 00
" Louis Herschel, 10 hrs. labor, 35c.		3 50
" L. E. Chadbourne, hauling ties,		1 50
" F. B. Comings, post,		6 66
" L. W. Small, iron and blacksmithing,		30 96
" F. H. Weld, time and expense,		144 49
" J. B. Chadbourne, time and expense,		20 44
	$ 500 00	

REPORT OF MONEY EXPENDED ON HIGHWAY NORTH OF TOLL BRIDGE.

Rec'd. town of Cornish,	$ 1,000 00	
" Winston Churchill,	1,000 00	
" for 3 lanterns,	1 40	
" " 2 barrels,	20	
" J. McCarty,	10 50	
Paid A. E. Bartlett, 85 hrs. at 35c. per hr.,		$ 29 75
" E. W. Brown, 10 loads gravel,		50
" " " " 296 hrs. at 35c. per hr.,		103 77
" " " " 38 hrs. at 17½c. " "		6 65
" C. H. Barton, 220 hrs. at 17½c. " "		38 50
" P. L. " 300½ " " " " "		63 09
" E. C. Bartlett, 308 " " " " "		53 91
" D. D. " 292 " " " " "		51 11
" Jason Bourdo, 50 " " " " "		8 75
" Leander " 120 " " " " "		21 00

Paid Israel Chamberlain,	63 hrs. at 17½c. per hr.,		$ 11 02
" Wm. Currier,	26 " " " " "		4 54
" Hammond Cushman,	50 hrs, at 17½c. per hr.,		8 75
" W. L. Chadbourne,	927½ " " 35c. " "		324 63
" " " "	73 " " 17½c. " "		12 65
" Lemuel Dole,	10 " " " " "		1 75
" Robert Downton,	20 " " " " "		3 50
" Tom Donahue,	38 " " " " "		6 65
" Tom Emery,			1 00
" N. J. Ellis,	349½ " " 35c. " "		122 33
" F. P. "	519½ " " 17½c. " "		90 91
" O. Fecteau,	77 " " " " "		13 48
" E. M. Geer,	10 " " " " "		1 75
" N. Gaffney,	165 " " " " "		28 88
" Perley Gordon,	115 " " " " "		20 13
" " "	104 " " 35c. " "		36 40
" " "	damage to cart,		1 00
" Geo. C. Grannis,	100 hrs. at 35c. per hr.,		35 00
" Wm. "	60 " " 17½c. " "		10 50
" O. M. Hudson,	196½ " " 35c. " "		68 77
" " " "	4 loads gravel,		20
" M. C. "	309½ hrs. at 17½c. per hr.,		54 17
" Louis Herschel,	487 " " 35c. " "		170 45
" Joe Hillard,	262½ " " 17½c. " "		45 95
" " "	horse and cart one day,		1 00
" F. H. Newman,	62 hrs. at 17½c. per hr.,		10 85
" C. Pardy,	191 " " " " "		33 43
" C. Richardson,	159½ " " " "		27 91
" P. C. Sargent,	5 " " " "		88
" " " "	50 " " " "		17 50
" " " "	hauling road machine,		1 00
" O. N. Staples,	30 hrs. at 35c. per hr.,		10 50
" Henry Upham,	50 " " 17½c. " "		8 75
" Bert A. Wood,	52 " " 35c. " "		18 20
" H. L. Walker,	61 " " 17½c. " "		10 68
" Wm. W. Starr,	civil engineer,		35 75
" Henry H. Harding,	" "		18 00
" L. W. Small,	sharpening drills,		3 86
" Stone, Penniman & Payson,	tile, dynamite and fuse,		59 71
" S. A. Reed,	tile, dynamite, cement,		62 11
" F. B. Comings,	post,		13 33
" Geo. W. Hunt,	dynamite cap and fuse,		20 68
" Bridge toll,			20 60
" G. L. Deming,	land damage,		2 00
" W. W. Cole,	" "		7 00
" Jas. B. Chadbourne,	time and expense,		150 90

Paid Returned to treasurer,		$ 25 92
" Bal. unexpended,		10
	$ 2,012 10	

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received from all sources,		$ 12,940 77
	$ 12,940 77	

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For support of schools,		$ 2,116 00
" " " county paupers,		272 25
" " " town "		501 60
" " " highways,		2,298 18
" incidental expenses,		2,977 49
" damage by dogs,		43 40
" cemeteries,		45 50
" abatement of taxes,		23 09
" town officers services,		484 60
" school district officers services,		114 00
" iron bridges,		286 00
" fitting up library rooms,		25 05
" expense on highway south of toll bridge,		500 00
" " " " north " " "		2,000 00
	$ 11,687 16	
	$ 1,253 61	

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

1904, Feb. 12, No. 223, W. W. Balloch,		$ 2 00
" " " " 224 " " "		5 00
" " " " 226 G. L. Deming,		1 50
" " " " 227 " " "		12 40
" " " " 228 " " "		6 50
" " " " 229 " " "		1 50
" " " " 230 Julia E. Deming,		15 00
" " " " 234 W. D. Dow,		5 65
" " " " 273 E. H. Smith,		2 00
" " 15 " 326 Sarah Bythrow,		2 00
	$ 53 55	

LIABILITIES.

Due on outstanding orders,		$ 53 55
Money to grade Childs' cemetery,		69 16
" to repair cemeteries,		99 75
Balance of highway money,		531 80
" " money for iron bridges,		314 00
" " " " library rooms,		234 95
Notes at Windsor bank,		1,500 00
	$ 2,803 21	

ASSETS.

Taxes uncollected by Josiah Davis, 1901,		$ 38 28
" " " " " 1902,		152 02
" " " " " 1903,		1,009 67
Cash in treasurer's hands,		1,977 48
	$ 3,177 45	
In favor of town	$ 374 24	

FOSS AND KIMBALL FUND.

We have expended the interest on these funds as in years past.

1904.		
Unexpended 1903,		$ 15 23
Received of N. H. savings bank,		72 42
" " Hunt brothers,		124 90
	$ 212 55	
Total amount expended,		$ 198 59
Unexpended balance,		13 96
	$ 212 55	

WILLIAM W. MERCER FUND.

Principal $7,000 00		
Received interest to Jan. 1, 1904,		$ 420 00
Unexpended balance 1903,		61 25
	$ 481 25	
We have expended as provided by will,	$ 356 00	
Unexpended balance,	$ 125 25	

CHARLES C. BEAMAN FUND.

Received interest 1902,	$ 19 39
" " 1903,	33 25
	$ 52 64

No expenditures

We respectfully recommend the town to raise money as follows:

To defray town charges,	$ 1,200 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EBEN M. JOHNSON,
FENNO B. COMINGS,
JAS. B. CHADBOURNE,
} Selectmen of Cornish

Collector's Report.

Paid treasurer in full the amount reported as due to town in the report of 1903, on the books of 1894, 1897 and 1898,	$ 8 24
Interest on above books,	18 14

Respectfully submitted,

S. K. RICHARDSON, Collector.

ON BOOKS 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903.

Due on book 1900 as reported last year,	$ 24 00	
Paid treasurer as per receipts,	24 00	
Due on book 1901 as reported last year,	$ 94 57	
Paid treasurer as per receipts,		$ 56 29
Now due,		38 28
	$ 94 57	
Due on book 1902 as reported last year,	$ 639 69	
Paid treasurer as per receipts,		$ 487 67
Now due,		152 02
	$ 639 69	
Due on book 1903,	$ 9,518 47	
Paid treasurer as per receipts,		$ 8,508 80
Now due,		1,009 67
	$ 9,518 47	
Paid treas. int. collected on above books,	$ 13 60	

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH DAVIS, Collector.

Feb. 18, 1904.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,		$ 1,023 65
Of Selectmen:		
Support of Curtis children,		50 04
Aid to paupers, county,		177 67
" " "		78 43
" Margaret Curtis,		38 35
Railroad tax,		153 60
Savings Bank tax,		94 39
Literary fund,		109 15
Hedgehog bounty,		64 75
Of Amos Spaulding, license fee,		5 00
" James B. Chadbourne, bal. road money,		25 92
Of S. K. Richardson, tax collector:		
Principal tax of 1894, 1897, 1898,		8 24
Interest " " " "		18 14
Of Josiah Davis, tax collector:		
Principal, tax of 1900,		24 00
" " 1901,		56 29
" " 1902,		487 67
" " 1903,		8,508 80
Interest on above,		13 60
Of selectmen, cash borrowed to repair river road,		1,500 00
Of Winston Churchill:		
Fitting up Library rooms,		130 00
Repairs on river road,		1,000 00
	$13,567 69	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders,	11,590 21
Balance on hand,	$1,977 48

DOG FUND.

Received of town clerk, dog licenses,	$ 185 58
Paid orders for damage done by dogs,	43 40
	$ 142 18

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. HUNT.

Town Clerk's Report.

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

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By balance from last year,		$ 9 78
" cash received for licenses,		221 29
	$ 231 07	

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To fees, 20 cts. each on 95 licenses,		19 00
" cash paid town treasurer,		185 58
	$ 204 58	
Bal. in my hands Feb. 15, '04,	$ 26 49	

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL DAVIDSON, Town Clerk.

Trustee's Report of Cemetery Fund.

DANIEL G. DEMING FUND.

Balance reported 1903,		$ 17 94
Received of N. H. Savings Bank,		5 91
No expenditures.	$ 23 85	

JANE B. WYMAN FUND.

Balance reported 1903,		$ 7 04
Received N. H. Savings Bank,		2 38
	$ 9 42	
Total expenditures,		$ 3 30
Unexpended balance,		6 12
	$ 9 42	

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON, Trustee.

Trustee's Report Jacob Foss Legacy.

PRINCIPAL $2,820.00.

To bal. on hand for flag,	$ 3 06	By paid paint and ropes,	$ 17 65
" interest,	181 30	" " W. Huntley, painting,	3 25
Over expended for flags,	4 79	By paid E. A. Churchill, painting flag poles,	14 00
		By paid W. H. Harlow, raising flag poles,	23 00
		By paid ropes paint, etc.,	2 35
		" " personal services,	4 00
		" " selectmen for worthy poor,	124 90
	$ 189 15		$ 189 15

GEO. W. HUNT, JR., } Trustees.
E. B. HUNT,

Memorial Day Appropriation.

Received of selectmen,	$ 50 00	
Paid Meriden band, music,		$ 25 00
" A. J. Bailey, sermon,		3 00
" P. J. Robinson, address,		10 00
" " " expenses,		1 50
" W. H. Sisson, flags,		4 05
" G. P. Cheney, bills,		1 10
" W. H. Bryant Post, to bal. am't overpaid by post in 1902,		2 18
Leaving a balance of		3 17
Respectfully submitted,	$ 50 00	$ 50 00

S. K. RICHARDSON, Q. M.
WM. H. BRYANT, Post G. A. R.

Report on Town History.

Our work during the past year has been of the same order as the year preceding. A good degree of progress has been made considering all circumstances.

The genealogical and biographical departments have received much attention. The records of nearly a hundred family names are prepared for the printer; also several articles are nearly ready in the other departments. The church history has received much attention, also the military, and considerable material has been collected for the educational department.

Much time has been devoted to all of the above; but only a part of it has been reckoned in our account, so anxious are we to minimize the expenses and accomplish results.

We would suggest and urge our fellow-townsmen to a deeper interest in the work. *It is worthy of it.* Come and examine your family records, and see if they are correct.

W. H. CHILD, Historian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—TOWN HISTORY FUND.

Amount on hand as per last year's report,	$ 309 51	
Expenses during the year ending Feb. 15, 1904:		
Cash paid W. H. Sisson for labor, etc., on military department,		$ 15 15
Cash paid typewriters for labor,		15 00
162 letters, stamps, and time of writing,		16 20
27 postals and time of writing,		1 35
Stationery and material extra,		1 76
Extra postage and express,		2 77
Traveling expenses searching records,		5 50
408 hours labor at 15 cts. per hour,		61 20
Whole amount of expenses,	$ 118 93	
Leaving a balance unexpended,		$ 190 58

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CHILD, Treasurer,

Report of the Board of Health.

No cases of serious epidemic diseases during the year have been called to the attention of the board of health. But on account of the closing of the school in district No. 7, from a suspected contagious disease, an examination was made, by the order of the board of health, and no evidence of a contagious disease was found.

Expense of vaccination of school children:

Twelve vaccinations,		$ 4 20
Travel fees,		5 00
Telephone expense,		1 15
Examination in District No. 7,		2 00
	$ 12 35	

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HUNT,
GEO. E. FAIRBANKS,
FRANK H. WELD,
} Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE
Trustees of Cornish Free Public Library.

The following list of books constitutes the additions to the Library during the year, which with the accompanying financial statement is respectfully submitted as our report.

Balance on hand,		$ 0 96
Received from the town,		55 80
Total,	$ 56 76------	
Paid for books and binding magazines,	56 01	
Balance on hand,	$ 0 75------	

JOSIAH DAVIS,
GEO. E. FAIRBANKS, } Library Trustees,
GEO. L. DEMING,

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY IN 1903.

Miscellaneous.

LIBRARY NO.				
805	Harper's Magazine	Dec.	1900, May	1901
806	" "	June	1901, Nov.	"
807	" "	Dec.	" May	1902
808	" "	June	1902, Nov.	"
809	Century "	Nov.	1900, Apr.	1901
810	" "	May	1901, Oct.	"
811	Cosmopolitan "	Nov.	" Apr.	1902
812	" "	May	1902, Oct.	"
851	Granite Monthly, 1902.			
852	" " "			
839	Tales From Shakespeare,		Lamb	
872	Three Decades of Federal Legislation,		Cox	

873	Life and Works of Blaine,	Redpath
874	The House and Home, Vol. 1.	
875	" " " " " 2.	
	Munsey's Magazines 1903 (Unbound.)	
	McClure's " " "	
894	The Rise and Fall of the Standard Oil Co.,	Montague
895	Old Home Week Addresses,	Rollins
896	National Register of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.	

History.

828 Cyrus the Great.
894 The Pilgrims in their Three Homes.

Fiction.

813	Paul the Peddler,	Alger
814	Helen's Babies,	Hubberston
815	The Western Boy,	Alger
816	Through the Looking Glass,	Carroll
817	The Herb Moon,	Hobbes
818	Black Homer of Jimtown,	Mott
819	Juanita,	Mann
820	Colonel Carter's Christmas,	Smith
821	Tales of Our Coast,	Crockett
822	Silas Marner,	Eliot
823	The Colonel's Christmas Dinner,	King
824	Arabian Knights.	
825	Wreck of the Chancellor,	Verne
826	The Cuckoo Clock,	Molesworth
827	Tales of the Telegraph,	Brady
829	The Continental Dragoon,	Stephens
830	Lost in the Wilds,	Ellis
831	Poor and Proud,	Optic
832	Within the Capes,	Pyle
833	Soldiers of Fortune,	Davis
834	The Heart of Toil,	Thanet
835	Teddy, Her Book.	Ray
836	In Hostile Red,	Altskeler
837	The Prisoner of Zenda,	Hope
838	The Missing Pocket Book,	Castleman
840	A Yankee Crusoe,	Eric

841	The Eternal City,	Caine
842	Bearers of the Burden,	Drury
843	Agatha Webb,	Green
844	Phroso,	Hope
845	Clayton Hallowell,	Praag
846	The Virginian,	Wister
847	Found in the Philippines,	King
848	Jan Vedder's Wife,	Barr
849	Macaria,	Evans
850	Tom Brace,	Alger
853	With Pizaro in Peru,	Falkenhorst
854	Young Carthaginians,	Henty
855	In Search of Madamoiselle,	Gibbs
856	Silence of Deane Maitland,	Gray
857	The Valley of Decision,	Wharton
858	The Lion's Whelp,	Barr
859	A Rogue's Life,	Collins
860	The Last Essays of Elia,	Lamb
861	Maori and Settler,	Henty
862	Cornet of Horse,	"
863	The Maid of Arms,	Chamber
864	Granstark,	McCutcheon
865	A Study in Scarlet,	Doyle
866	Young Franc Tireurs,	Henty
867	Twice Told Tales,	Hawthorne
868	Young Mistley,	Merriman
869	Ivan the Serf,	Cobb
870	The Landlord of Lions Head,	Howells
871	Sticket Minister,	Crocket
876	The Lightning Conductor,	Williamson
877	The Call of the Wild London.	
878	The Metal of the Pastures,	Allen
879	The One Woman,	Dixon
880	Captain Macklin,	Davis
881	A Speckled Bird,	Wilson
882	Letters of a Self Made Merchant to His Son,	Lorimer
883	The Two Vanrenels,	Tarkington
884	How Private Peck Put Down the Rebellion,	Peck
885	Lena Rivers,	Holmes
886	Arabian Nights Entertainment,	

887	Millbank,	Holmes
888	Song of Hiawatha,	Longfellow
889	The Discarded Daughter,	Southworth
890	The Gun Maker of Moscow,	Cobb
891	The Phantom Wedding,	Southworth
892	The Haunted Homestead,	"
893	Gypsey's Prophecy,	"

State of New Hampshire.

To the inhabitants of the School District in the town of Cornish, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 12th day of March, 1904, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects;

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years; also one for two years, and one for one year.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools in addition to the tax required by law.
8. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for permanent repairs of school houses including furniture and apparatus.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Cornish this 14th day of February, 1904.

JOSIAH DAVIS,
AMY I. HILLIARD,
REBECCA BARTLETT, } School Board of Cornish.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOSIAH DAVIS,
AMY I. HILLIARD,
REBECCA BARTLETT, } School Board of Cornish.

School District Treasurer's Report.

REPAIR FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury,	$ 179 61	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Josiah Davis, repairs, Div. 5,		$ 150 00
" " "		29 61
	$ 179 61	

SCHOOL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury,		$ 156 89
Selectmen, school tax,		2,116 00
" literary fund,		109 15
" interest on school fund,		10 96
School Board, Plainfield tuition,		43 00
	$ 2,436 00	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers services, summer,	$ 570 90
" " fall,	513 50
" " winter,	486 40
Old order, wood,	10 00
Josiah Davis, cleaning school houses,	16 00
Amy I. Hilliard, wood,	50 00
Sidney K. Richardson, transportation,	9 50
Horace L. Spencer, "	33 00
Levi L. Nelson, "	10 00

Josiah Davis, transportation and tuition,		$ 61 00
Frank J. Chadbourne, wood,		12 50
Josiah Davis, janitor services,		26 00
" " wood,		24 75
" " transportation and tuition,		82 77
" " labor on repairs,		90 00
Cyrus Barton, cleaning school room,		1 50
	$ 1,997 82	
Balance in hand of treasurer,		$ 438 18
Plainfield tuition due,		39 60
In favor of the district,	$ 477 78	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES D. NEVENS, Treasurer of District.

Auditors' Report.

Cornish, N. H., Feb. 22, 1904.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of Foss and Kimball Funds, Trustees of Cemetery Funds, Trustees of Public Library, School District Treasurer's Report, Treasurer of the Memorial Day Fund, Board of Health, Town Historian, Trustees of the Mercer Fund and the Charles C. Beaman Fund, and find all of the accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD O. DAY,
ELWIN W. QUIMBY, } Auditors.

Report of the School Board.

To the Inhabitants of Cornish:

The period having been reached at which this report is due it is with pleasant reflections that we are enabled to say that your schools during the past year have shown an increased interest over those of previous years.

Having secured the services of teachers who stand in the front rank as educators for the more advanced schools, the result of their work has fully met our expectations, and a good degree of improvement has been made in all of the schools. The teachers, it is fair to say, have worked faithfully. The failing, in a few instances, we have most reason to complain of, was the order. It is a fact this important element is too much neglected. If all scholars are made to understand at home they are to attend school regularly and punctually, that the rules of school are for them to obey, we certainly should see a greater advancement in our schools. We would gladly report the conditions and progress of the several schools and the merits of each teacher as they appeared to us on visiting them, but space will not allow.

We need the best of teachers and the support of the inhabitants, and by mutual effort we can hope for larger achievements.

Tax payers should not feel that a little assistance rendered our school is a burden. To secure the best teachers we must compete with the surrounding towns and pay living wages. We would urge upon parents and citizens to visit their schools oftener. We are led to believe by so doing much fault finding would cease.

We are pleased to state that the children of school age have attended school as required by law, with a few exceptions, and have had the advantage of thirty-one weeks schooling, save Division 7 which closed after twenty-six weeks.

Parents have very kindly assisted the School Board in bringing about this result.

We would call your attention to the important consideration which is agitating the minds of educators of our state, viz. the

decimation of our schools. The older portion of our citizens can recall the time when it was necessary to locate school houses where we now find them; and that these houses were filled. But times have changed. Communities have become nearly depopulated. Our scholars are growing less and less. The report of the Truant Officer's enumeration of scholars in town between 5 and 16 years of age is boys 59, girls 72. There is no prospect of our small schools increasing from local population.

Now, in the language of the good woman of Revolutionary times, who, when the British were marching to Lexington, called out to her boy, "Jonathan, get up, the red coats are coming; something must be done." We say something must be done.

The law passed the last general court requiring the School Board to see a United States flag placed in a proper manner over every school house when schools were in session has been complied with except Division 9. No school was in session at the time. Much credit is due citizens, teachers and scholars in contributing staffs and erecting them with appropriate exercises.

The house in Division 5 has been thoroughly repaired and reseated; so that it is now considered the prettiest room in town. The citizens contributed in aiding the work in many ways.

While the cost exceeds the amount of repair fund left over, we felt justified in completing the work. Other repairs have been made in Divisions 2, 3, 6, 9, 10 and 11. We would recommend the house in Division 3 be repaired and painted.

In closing our connection with the schools in town, we would acknowledge our obligation to the citizens for many expressions of interest manifested. Also the teachers and scholars for their courtesy and entertaining exercises we have heard in the school room.

School meeting March 12th, at one o'clock p. m., Town Hall. See posters.

JOSIAH DAVIS,
AMY I. HILLIARD,
REBECCA BARTLETT,
} School Board of Cornish.

Roll *of* Perfect Attendance.

ONE TERM.

Edith Hammond, Haidee Williams, Lucy Ruggles, Ida Chadbourne, Harold Ruggles, Willie Richardson, Harold Hammond, Mildred Hurd, Walter A. Wood, Helen I. Fifield, Mary R. Fifield, Florence M. Pardy, Harry E. Butman, Ernest L. Fifield, Walter C. Blake, Ray F. Blake, Cyril Hunt, Herbert I. Deming, John Bartlett, Ralph Wood, Ruth Bartlett, Edith Judd, Ada Judd, Ethel Diggins, Myrtie Strickland, Zebbie Fountain, Alice Benway, Lulu Thornton, Gladys M. Johnson, Rena Howard, Ralph Howard, Day Benway, Clayton E. Leslie, Nellie M. Nelson, Hattie E. Nelson, Bertie E. Nelson, Harry J. Nelson, Ruth L. Walker, Ernest E. Redman, Alfred H. Sherwin, Gladys S. Johnson.

TWO TERMS.

Flora Thrasher, Nina Thrasher, Flora Jordan, Charlie Johnson, Harry Hurd, Lancing A. Reed, Beatrice M. Hurd, Sylvia A. Kenyon, George I. Rowe, Hattie E. Dow, Edgar A. Plummer, Gilbert A. Pardy, Clarence E. Drew, Bernice Young, Agnes Huggins, Ada A. Weld, Irl V. Young, Willie Young, Leonard Smith, Charley A. Chase, Joseph Chase, Ford Child, George E. Hunt, Mildred Hunt, Leigh Hunt, Olive Hunt, Ruth Chase, Margaret Curtis, Ethel Williams, Marion Peaslee, Daisy H. Redman, Beatrice F. Sherwin.

THREE TERMS.

Ralph Chadbourne, Byron Jordan, Carroll E. Kenyon, Mabel Wark, Ethel R. Barton, Winnie M. Blake, Jessie B. Deming, Fred James, Marjorie M. Johnson.

Statistical Report.

School Divisions.	TEACHERS.	Weeks.	Wages per month.	No of scholars.	Average attendance.	Visits of School Board.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in History.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Grammar.	Visitors.
1	Ada E. Weld	11	$22	8	7	3	8	8	8	8	8	1			2	18
2	Ina E. Bailey	11	22	9	7	3	9	9	9	8	8	6	1	9	7	10
	Ada E. Weld	10	22	8	7	4	8	8	8	8	6	2		6	2	9
	D. May Grout	10	24	7	6	5	7	7	7	7	6	6		6	6	2
3	Luella F. Smith	11	26	18	15	5	16	16	16	16	16			16	9	25
	Ethel A. Martin	10	26	16	15	5	16	16	16	16	14	3	1	8	12	24
	Alice E. Bailey	10	26	17	13	5	17	17	17	17	15	2		17	10	19
5	Amy L. French	10	22	14	13	4	14	14	14	14	10			14	7	28
	Ina E. Bailey	11	24	13	13	3	13	13	13	13	10			7	4	12
	Ina E. Bailey	10	‡	14	12	4	14	14	14	14	11	8			6	16
6	Emma Cashion	11	32	25	23	3	25	25	25	25	19	10		23	16	37
	Nellie M. Davis	10	37	24	22	5	24	24	24	24	21	4		20	14	28
	*Nellie M. Davis	4	37													
	Grace E. Colby	6	32	26		2	26	26	26	22	19	4		20	14	7
7	Lena C. Nevens	11	22	12	11	3	12	12	12	12	12	3	1	12	2	27
	Ella M. Buswell	10	22	13	11	5	13	13	12	12	11	3	1	3	7	6
	Lucy L. Eastman	†	24	9	8	4	9	9	9	7	6	7	1	7	5	
8	Rosetta A. R. Barton	10	22	13	12	4	13	13	13	13	10	10		13	9	20
	Rosetta A. R. Barton	10	24	12	10	4	12	12	12	12	9	8		12	8	3
9	Rosetta A. R. Barton	10	20	11	8	5	11	11	11	11	7	10	1	11	10	8
10	Mary E. Goward	11	22	13	10	2	13	13	13	10	10	7		4	7	28
	Mary E. Goward	10	24	15	13	4	15	15	15	12	11	5	2	2	9	12
	Jennie M. Cashion	10	24	15	11	5	15	15	14	11	11	2		1	5	28
11	Ella I. Richardson	11	22	17	13	5	15	15	15	15	15	13		4	14	25
	Ella I. Richardson	10	24	16	13	3	16	16	16	16	11	11		9	11	15
	Ella I. Richardson	10	24	11	9	5	11	11	11	11	10	7		6	7	21

*Deceased. †6 2-5. ‡27 1-5.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "Clerks of Towns and Cities to furnish a transcript of the record of Births, Marriages and Deaths, to the municipal officers, for publication in the Annual Report," we submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Cornish, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

Date—1903.	Name of the Child. (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male. Female.	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace and age of Father.	Birthplace and age of Mother.
May 10		M	Living.	6	White.	Perry F. Burr	Abbie R. Hebard	White.	Cornish.	Farmer	Cornish 31	Cornish 32
May 13		M		2		James D. Bryant	Annie Power			"	" 42	St. Johns, N. F. 34
June 17		F		5		Clifford C. Phillips	Lizzie Begnon			Valet	England 28	England 32
June 27		M		1			Gertie Spencer					Claremont, N.H. 19
July 19	Edmund T.	M		2		Wentworth Stuart	Sadie Chase			Farmer	Windsor, Vt. 25	Cornish 19
July 27		F		4		Henry W. Dana	Margeret Sullivan			Laborer	Cornish 33	Ireland 33
Aug. 2		M		1		Peter T. Saunders	Nellie V. Spaulding			Coachman	Aberdeen, Setld 34	W. Windsor, Vt. 20
Aug. 14		F		1		Earl W. Brown	Nora C. Benway			Farmer	Windsor, Vt. 21	Unity 19
Sept. 1	Hettie B.	F		1		Herbert C. Lakin	Helen W. Beaman		N. Y.	Lawyer	Worcester, Mss. 31	New York City 26
Sept. 2		M		1		F. P. Dunne	Margeret Abbot		N. Y.	Journalist	Chicago, Ill, 36	Calcutta, India 26
Sept. 5		M		2		Frank H. Williams	Norma K. Chapman		Cornish.	Farmer	Plainfield 37	Cornish 22
Sept. 12		M		1		Fred Williams	Evangeline Child			Laborer	Boston, Mass. 25	West Paris, Me. 20
Sept. 28	James B.	M		1		Benj. F. Lindsay	Grace Ayers			Farmer	Hartland, Vt. 23	Manchester 20
Oct. 6	Adelbert C.	M		2		Stephen M. Thornton	Aurilla A. Hurd			"	Croydon 60	Croydon 22
Oct. 19	Edna L.	F		3		Edwin L. Child	Ida L. Ford			Butter Maker	Cornish 36	Danbury 36
Oct. 26		F		3		Frank C. Harris	Carmen Gordon			Farmer	Albany, N. Y. 32	W. Chazey, N.Y. 27
Oct. 31		M		3		Daniel H. Weld	Lizzie M. Sturtevant			Butcher	Cornish 39	Hartland, Vt. 25
Nov. 18		F		3		Fred L. Fifield	Ella C. Thayer			Farmer	Plainfield 42	Brooklyn, N. Y. 35
Dec. 5		F		7		Edmund B. Hunt	M. Maude Soule			Clerk	Cornish 39	Hong Kong 37

Marriages Registered in the Town of Cornish, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1903.

Date 1903.		Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age, yrs.	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place or Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Sing. or Wid. 1st or 2d marriage.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married.
April	13	Windsor, Vt.	Charles E. Bryant	Cornish	33	White.	Farmer	Cornish	Edward Bryant Julia J. Gilkey		J. C. McLaughlin, Clergyman, Windsor, Vt.
			Ellen Woods	"	33		Cook	Ireland	John Woods Catherine O'Neil		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Cornish, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1903.

Date 1903		Name and Surname of the deceased.	Age. Y.	M.	D.	Place of Birth.	Color	Single, marr'd or widowed.	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Name and P. O. Address of Physician reporting death.
Jan.	8	Alfred Fitch	41	7	26	Cornish	White.	M	Farmer	Chester B. Fitch	Amy B. Westgate	Cancer	D. Richmond, Windsor, Vt
Jan.	25	Almina Streeter	43	5	28	"		M		Norman A. Deming	Lucy Bartlett	Consumption	A. L. Marden, Claremont
Feb.	26	Horace G. P. Cross	81	1	10	Piermont		W	Farmer			Broken Hip	J. D. Brewster, Windsor, Vt
March	17	Hiram D. Hilliard	69		7	Cornish		W	Farmer	Joseph Hilliard	Roxana Day	Heart and Kidney Diseases	L. Jarvis, Claremont
March	31	Zilpha Hunter	84	5	9			W				Senile Dementia	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
May	16	Helon R. Walker	58	3	2	Claremont		M	Laborer			Heart Disease	Leonard Jarvis, Claremont
June	10	Eva L. Jordan	49	3	16	Plainfield		W		Rufus G. Newton	Laura Newton	Chronic Diarrhœa	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
June	14	William E. Deming	55	1	28	Cornish		S	Farmer	Horace L. Deming	Caroline P. Hilliard	Pyelonephristic	J. M. Gill, Hanover, N. H
June	20	Clementine M. Hunt	19	10	25	Plainfield		M		John P. Small	Laura A. Davis	Pleuresy	Wm. A. Brady, Hartland, Vt
Sept.	6	Williams			1	Cornish				Frank H. Williams	Norma K. Chapman	Immaturity	E. S. Munger, Windsor, Vt
Sept.	25	James Brocklebank	74			Plainfield		W				Gastritis	D. Richmond, Windsor, Vt
Sept.	29	Delilah F. Collins	84	3	18	Croydon		W		Christopher Forehand	Betsey Walker	Cerebral Hemorrhage	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
Nov.	10	Mary J. Chapman	62	3	15	Plainfield		M		Amos Fox	Lucinda French	Cerebral Apoplexy	E. S. Munger, Windsor, Vt
Nov.	21	Unknown										Run over by cars	H. C. Sanders, Claremont
Nov.	27	Elizabeth M. Walker	56	7		Cabot, Vt.		M				Neuralgia of Heart	J. D. Brewster, Windsor, Vt
Dec.	27	Lucy L. Hall	74	4	16	Cornish		S		March Hall	Chase	Pneumonia	H. C. Sanders, Claremont
Dec.	27	George Jackson	89	3	28	"		W		Oliver Jackson	Choate	Bronchitis	E. S. Munger, Windsor, Vt

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

PAUL DAVIDSON, Town Clerk.

7/7/2008
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